



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
HIGAKI et al. ) Unit 2188  
Application Number: 10/803,910 ) Examiner  
Filed: March 19, 2004 ) Patel, Kaushikkumar M.  
For: A STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE FOR LONGEVITY )  
OF THE DISK SPINDLES BASED UPON ACCESS OF )  
HARD DISK DRIVES (AS AMENDED) )  
Attorney Docket No. ASAM.0115 )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the further examination of the above-referenced application on the merits, Applicants are submitting this Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) which is respectfully being submitted herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows::